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- 25X1 1. The narrow gauge Sabac-Koviljaca railroad will soon be changed to standard gauge. Work was also begun this year to extend the line as far as Zvornik. 25X1 Army units are participating in the construction.
- 25X1 2. In Macedonia, construction is under way on the 56 kilometer standard gauge Kumanovo-Sveti-Nikola line, which will provide a double track railroad line in the Vardar region.
3. Studies and plans are being made for a more efficient transportation system in Istria which would connect the latter with the Dalmatian network. The most important project under consideration is the Aurania-Matulje railroad. Construction of this line will shorten the rail distance between Pola and Fiume by 122 kilometers. It will necessitate boring a tunnel through the Monte Maggiore, starting at Aurania and ending near the Poljane Village on the slopes of the Kvarner. The tunnel will be 6,750 meters long on a gradient of six meters to the kilometer. To facilitate side tracking freight trains, the tunnel will fork at Aurania into two branches 700 meters each, to form a "Y". One branch will join the Aurania-Stalije line and the other will join the Aurania-Lupoglav line. Huts and signal stations will be built throughout the tunnel. The tunnel will have to be driven through limestone and will have no curves. Because of its forked entrance, the tunnel will be the only one of its kind and currently the longest in Yugoslavia. Work on this project will begin as soon as the Lupoglav-Stalije railroad has been completed.
4. Other proposed railroads in Istria are a 37 kilometer line which will be built in the Kozljak-Plomin zone, and another short line connecting the Area line with the Lupoglav-Stalije railroad now under construction.

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